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THE A.B.C. OF POLITICS

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THIS is to introduce the **Candour** A.B.C. of politics, which will appear in subsequent issues. But first it is necessary to know what we mean by 'politics' in this context.

Most of us under fifty years old have been taught and trained to think of politics as a career "to go into" via a Party which contains a sufficiency of friends and/or relations to adopt and foster the apprentice, and will eventually see him or her into the House of Commons on the understanding that the Member will adhere to his "foster-Party" through Office or through Opposition as may the Party's fortune or misfortune be.

Member's Sacred Conscience

This is an honorable profession, we are told, because the careerist has adopted (or been adopted by) the Party which holds the beliefs and principles nearest to our own (we can't hope to agree with everything, you understand). So, the beliefs "nearest to our own" concerning what is "best for the people" the candidate for election proposes to represent. The matter of the prospective MP's conscience which may prevent him from actually representing the voting majority who elected him was not mentioned whilst campaigning was in progress. Only when he is safely, if temporarily, installed in his Party seat does the paramountcy of conscience become obviously sacrosanct.

On the issue of capital punishment, for example: the voting public may periodically be allowed to express its preference for the return of this condign punishment for murder. But if it does it will wait until Domesday under the present system, for its wishes will always be thwarted by a sufficiency of liberal consciences among the docile ranks of Parties in all parts of the House. The Prime Minister's conscience will always preclude the use of a "three-line whip". That, they tell us, is politics, and they are right as the political ramp is set up today.

The question arises: "What can I do about it?" The answer is to understand the alternative and true meaning of politics, which is the art and science of building, or in our case preserving, a nation. Let us not waste our time campaigning, voting, backing, working or doing favours for any bespoke Party client soliciting our vote. Rather, let us do personally and privately whatever we can to preserve the integrity of our Race and Nation under God, and thus preserve our neighbourhood at least from the evils that threaten to overwhelm us if we do nothing.

It was once said that we had saved ourselves by our exertions and that we could save Europe by our example. Today we must set about saving ourselves from a more insidious enemy than a latter-day Napoleon Bonaparte.

We must learn how to counteract the perversion preached in our children's schools, in our Churches, in the media, in the Establishment. Teach our children what is right as opposed to wrong. Support like-minded neighbours in shops, 'buses, trains or wherever they express anti-Establishment opinions. Join with them in building and creating nationalist enclaves to promote right learning and living to circumvent the criminal damage being done to us by permissive legislation we seem powerless to change.

Read the next episode and find out how to save ourselves from the evils proliferating from the Abortion Act.

AFTERTHOUGHTS ON ABSTENTION

by ANTHONY COONEY

ALTHOUGH press and television have avoided mention of the massive popular abstention in the voting for the Strasbourg Debating Society, it is now known that the percentage of votes cast was a derisory 35%. The wholly dishonest tactic of representing the election as a "referendum" on HM Government failed in the event to increase the vote by more than an insignificant 3%. The abstention level on the other hand, as in the two previous elections, makes the election a referendum on Great Britain's continued membership of the EEC, and the result of that is beyond dispute.

In spite of attempts to present the Strasbourg Debating Society as something more than a "Committee which receives Reports" from the Fascist Grand Council in Brussels, over which it has no power to withhold supply, and therefore absolutely no democratic or parliamentary sanction, the British people remain entirely undeceived. The high abstention amongst Conservative voters, particularly, underlines Mrs Thatcher's conviction [*] that the British people have no desire to submerge their sovereignty and cast away their ancient liberties in a United States of Europe.

The National Abstain Campaign, with the endorsement of 65% of the electorate who refused to take any part in the seditious activity of the "election", therefore calls upon the Government to accept this third verdict against Great Britain's continued involvement with the EC. We call upon the Prime Minister to begin immediately the process of our withdrawal, to be completed before the next General Election for the REAL Parliament, that which meets in Westminster under the Authority of the British Crown.

[*] What conviction? We repeat again our belief that if it is to be the destiny of the British people to regain control over their own affairs, we may be absolutely certain that the initiative will not come from the self-seeking, time-serving occupant of 10 Downing Street. Mrs Thatcher is solidly committed to the internationalist orthodoxy and that is why she has been in office for ten years and will be for a number of years yet - Editor.

WAKE UP!

Nothing will surely astonish any future historians who may be around than the muddleheaded manner in which the alternative movement is reacting to the Europlot and the high-powered scheming behind the prospect of what has come to be called '1992'. Here, if ever there was one, is a gigantic step in the wrong direction, another gigantic step towards doomsday and towards the further emasculation from decision making power of the peoples of Europe.

Yet how is the movement, fragmented, scattered and incoherent as it is, responding to this threat? It beggars belief that some nationalist movements such as the Catalonians, the Scots, the Welsh and the Bretons are actually supporting it, a group of radicals called Ecoropa supports it, Resurgence, a reputedly alternative magazine in Britain, is calling for the cultivation of a European spirit of patriotism, and an international peace conference held in Basle recently thought it was a matter of no great concern: The same conference went on to call for the creation of a pacified Europe, for the abolition of NATO, of the Warsaw Pact and of standing national armies; no doubt, if it could have got round to it, it would have also called for the abolition of toasted cheese.

With reference to the Common Market our Swiss peace friends enquired, after urging the objective of a Europe of 33 sovereign states:

Which part do smaller countries play within this process? Is the membership in the EEC an approved means within it?

It does not matter too much how the different states and independent organisations (peace movements, political movements) act in this context. Of utmost importance is that we do not lose the original topic, which is a united Europe. Even the membership within the EEC could lead to some useful results, in spite of the fact that the EEC is getting more and more militarized. But to point it out once again: we do not only move towards a 'nuclear free Europe', we do want more. We leave the thinking of 'defence' behind, we leave the Swiss understanding of neutrality behind: as we are standing apart the critical points, we aim for more than a simple step-by-step policy.

Proposal:

Therefore this workshop suggests to all participants of the meeting to introduce such meetings of peace movements of smaller countries on a regular basis. These meetings should improve the contacts between the independent peace movements of the individual states and should act as a sort of control among the movements on their way towards the idea of a united Europe developed above.

As if this muddle were not enough green parties are solemnly running candidates for Euro elections even as, in England at least, the party declares it is opposed to Britain's membership of the market, although why anyone should believe the truth of anything it says in consequence is anyone's guess.

Let us be perfectly explicit about what is afoot, if only to see clearly the danger behind this confusion.

It is proposed that from 1992 Europe will become a single free market with complete freedom in matters of trade for money, goods and services, to move around within it without regard to national boundaries. Notice first that this is another push to elevate matters economic above other considerations as though they were the be all and the end all of existence; notice too that a single market will require a single controlling and regulating body; notice too how the Brusseltariat already regulates minute details of economic life such as the size of lawnmowers, the standardisation of varieties of fruits and vegetables which may be marketed (it is illegal to market varieties which are not on its list) and so on.

ECONOMIC WARLORDISM

Few people bother their heads about the magnitude of the interests involved here; even now a major battle is waging over the control of 'Europe's' (sic!) steel industry. Krupps

made a pre tax loss in 1986 of DM100million. This puts it on the takeover list and Thyssen, the biggest German steel firm, is preparing to purchase a stake in it; even as it does so, British Steel, currently being 'privatised', is preparing to join the battle. In due course what will emerge, as one giant swallows another and is swallowed in turn by an even greater rival, is a massive 'rationalisation' (the word is theirs although its opposite would serve as well) of the industry into what will become virtually a single steel conglomerate and of course, the monster octopus will stretch its tentacles into other areas of profit making or find itself grabbed by, let us say, an oil or construction conglomerate. No Roman proconsul ever wielded the sort of powers being deployed here, deployed by people in no way representative of the citizen body and to whom the expenditure of a vast fortune on media manipulation becomes a mere sidekick to their main operations; a sidekick which will not stop at infiltrating green movements, financing stooge green candidates, exterminating over-troublesome green leaders by rubbing their reputations in the media, or staging convenient 'accidents' and so on and indeed so on.

The abolition of national frontiers will create a free market without doubt, just as the destruction of farm fences would leave the lambs at the mercy of the freely ranging packwolves of the plains, and Mrs Thatcher's Bruges speech amounts to little more than "I'll huff and I'll puff and blow your house down." as she rightly repudiates the concept of a united states of Europe even as she sells the pass by acquiescing in the 1992 exercise.

European unity is not nor ever will be under its present dispensation a unity of European peoples. The impetus for this unity does not come from the people, it comes partly from the military; they are promoting it, not in order to stop war, but to make even bigger war; and it comes partly from the world of big business and of high finance; impudent siren-song edicts from Brussels on the environment notwithstanding, these people are not concerned with such matters other than in cosmetic terms at all, what does concern them is profits and the power to make more profits and in pursuit of that objective they will use their power to degrade the environment and us to any degree that will enable them to achieve it.

That is why they are in business at all, that is why they have risen to positions of leadership and ascendancy within their own countries and, that is why they have set the whole murky business of 'Europe' in train.

Suckers of all lands unite; you have nothing to lose but your brains! When are the members of the alternative movement going to wake up and realise if they do not stop this log rolling against their liberties while there may yet be time they will be quite powerless to stop more and bigger wars, more degradation of the environment, more deterioration of social welfare provision, more inroads on their liberties and more control of their lives in the sacred cause of 'free' market consumerism?

What is holding them back? Where are the mass rallies, the international seminars, the broadsheets, leaflets, pamphlets and other publications? The emergency conferences and resolutions? The robust declarations of intent? The wholesale repudiation of this plot in the name of freedom, peace and environmental sanity?

The *peoples* of Europe do not want war; when indeed, except from the goadings of the mass persuaders, have they ever wanted it? Yet we will not stop the militarists until we have the command of our physical and economic resources in our own hands at the local community level so that we *can* stop them. There are no short cuts to peace and if there were we would have used them before the modern era of mass global wars ever began.

Nor are there any short cuts to sane ecology and decent welfare provision. If the entire human record is one of 'steadfast upward struggle towards vision and control', it is one which can only be consummated not on a basis of mass centralised jerrymandering by high powered mischief makers and manipulators in Brussels and elsewhere, not even if the results of their machinations are doctored by green aspirins, but by the ordinary decency of ordinary people in their own empowered neighbourhoods.

HOLISM

That is the central arena of the struggle. We, of our generation, are privileged to live in the most tumultuous and politically fluid era of all history. Even as we write the entire edifice

of counterrevolutionary Bolshevik communism is crumbling to dust under the weight of nothing more imposing than the force of sheer common sense. But let us be clear that one potent factor of this ensuance is the glittering attraction of successful Western mass consumerism, which is likely to lure the sovietised masses along the same doomsday path as our own unless another voice is heard.

That voice must not be muffled by a confused grasp of the nature of those political and economical realities which today dominate our lives; nor, for that matter, by the enticing raptures of bogus forms of 'spirituality' which assume that this fundamental quest of human life for meaning and purpose can be sidetracked into paths of breathless quietism where engagement with the satanic forces of consumerism is regarded as a vulgar aberration.

We insist that body, mind and spirit are one and that social forces which frustrate the fulfilment of any aspect are evil and need to be repudiated as such. And let our growing nationalist movements understand this; that if they assent to the Europlot in the quaint and dangerous belief that within it they will be able to determine its courses, they are simply putting a rod in pickle for their own backs. The mundane realities of power will ensure, as the American states have long realised to their cost, that they are gratuitously buttressing federal type forces which will dominate them and their concerns and in doing so repudiate every nationalist concern to which they have ever aspired.

We reject outright the notion that these forces, which even now are shutting down the planet and putting a term to the human adventure, can be persuaded to courses which deny the *raison d'être* of their own existence, or that control can be established over them by cartographical exercises which ignore their nature.

Any talk today, in the climate of opinion and expectations which the moguls of consumerism have created for their own purposes, of any kind of unified Europe is dangerous folly. The first requisite is to achieve the power to make decisions over our own lives where we live, power that enables us to engage in the multitudinous affairs of our collective lives so that the deep spiritual forces, the wonderful wellsprings of creativity, the boundless capacity for compassion and joy with which we are all so richly endowed, can be harnessed to our social resources and purposes.

When that power is in our hands we may then begin to discuss to the end of time in what ways it shall be deployed, but until it is, to engage in any form of 'Europeanism' is to play into the hands of those evil forces promoting it and to spit in the face of progress. There is indeed a tide in the affairs of men and if we continue to let this great issue go by default, generations 'yet ungotten and unborn' will have cause to mourn such profligate pusillanimity.

Our vision of life cannot ignore the need for an ethical basis of civilisation as a precondition for its development, nor can it ignore that ours does not possess one, nor that if it did we would not now be in crisis. We cannot build an alternative on the bones of a spiritual corpse, our need is to create the body of a new civilisation on the basis of our own untrammelled spiritual insights and the organisation of our mundane affairs, whether of the market place or the legislature, in the light they will yield. To be blind to this need is simply to antic with destiny and to prompt yet again St. Joan's despairing cry, "Must then a Christ die in every age to save those that have no imagination?"

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THE WAY OF THE WORLD

Gleanings from the Candour Press Desk

CHANGING FACE OF COLONIALISM - "It occurred to me in Ethiopia the other day how swiftly on the heels of the old and despised colonialism has followed the new and discreet colonialism.... An important difference is that whereas the old colonists occupied Government House, most of the new colonialists are to be found under a neutral flag in the capital's Hilton. They are likely to come from the World Bank, the International Monetary Fund or one of the United Nations' benevolent offshoots. It does not follow that they are more benevolent than the colonial regimes. On the contrary, the new men are sometimes called on to talk rather severely about the country's economic direction." [Daily Telegraph, 5/12/88]

SLAUGHTER OF THE FIRST-BORN - "About 90 per cent of first pregnancies in the Soviet Union end in abortion, according to an article in the current Moscow News, the outspoken reformist weekly. Up to 700 women in Russia alone, which comprises just over half the nation's population of 287 million, are said to die annually as a result of the 6.5 million abortions performed. Recent revelations in the Moscow press show that on average Soviet women have around four abortions in a lifetime, while some estimates put the figure for Russians as high as nine." [Daily Telegraph, 24/1/89]

BITTER FRUITS OF USURY - "An estimated two million households are in debt by up to £10,000, according to a survey published yesterday. More than half of Britain's unemployed families owe money and many who sought help from money advice services had debts of up to £4,000, according to Mr Richard Berthoud of the Policy Studies Institute. He said those with jobs tended to owe up to £10,000, but some faced debts of £60,000. The figures...refer to debts excluding mortgage repayments unless these are in arrears." [The Times, 3/3/89]

PORTUGAL ASKS FOR FORGIVENESS - "Dr Mario Soares, the Portuguese President, has asked forgiveness from the Jews for crimes committed against them during the 15th and 16th century Inquisition. He said the expulsion of Jews from Portugal and Spain had been one of the main causes for the decline of the countries of the Iberian Peninsula. He added that the Jews, who had found safe haven in northern Europe and the orient, had contributed greatly to the progress and development of these countries" [Jewish Chronicle, 12/5/89] Salazar's Portugal was until his death the only country in the world not in unrepayable debt. The 1974 revolution which put the "apologists" into power soon altered that! - Editor.

TWO SIDES OF THE COIN - "A number of leading Jewish writers have signed a statement opposing the campaign for the extension of the law of blasphemous libel...and calling for the law to be abolished. The statement says that any such change in the law 'would involve an undesirable restriction on our precious freedom of inquiry and expression'" [*italics added* - Editor]. [Meanwhile...] "Barnet Library has accepted a book by the late anti-semitic, pro-fascist author, Hilaire Belloc, donated by the National Front. The book, The Servile State, will not be displayed on the shelves, but kept in stock for anyone who requests it." [Jewish Chronicle, 26/5/89].

THE PEOPLE OF ENGLAND SPEAK - "As a series, Taking Liberties had set out to examine individual cases of injustice, and through them we hoped to make people think again about a supposedly benevolent society which had allowed such injustices to occur.... Family Matters looked at Bengali families divided by immigration legislation. From colleagues it received much praise, but from viewers: 'Taking Liberties you certainly did. Isn't it time we stood up for our own nationality, creed and colour? Why should we worry about bringing an alien race with alien cultures to this fair land of ours? People that think otherwise are traitors to our own war dead'; 'Why did you not suggest the obvious thing - that they go back to Bangladesh?'; 'Why were these people allowed in in the first place? What traitor let them in?'; 'You should be ashamed trying to make people feel sorry for Bangladeshi families who want to come to Britain. It's time all immigration stopped.' There were many more like this. While our film had argued, implicitly, for a fairer entry system, forcible repatriation seemed to be our viewers' favourite remedy. Opening our letters, once a pleasure, now became a chore that we all, rather gingerly, took in turns." [The Listener, 1/6/89]

THE TRUTH THAT DARE NOT SPEAK ITS NAME - "From the beginning, the advertising campaigns have been close to mendacity. As anyone can find who looks into the question, AIDS is actually a rather difficult disease to contract, certainly from heterosexual intercourse; about as difficult as it is to get lung cancer without smoking. Epidemiologists are actually puzzled by the low rate of heterosexual transmission, as compared with other venereal infections. The few people in Western countries who may have caught it heterosexually, it will be found, have almost all of them had partners who were bisexual or drug-takers. For what the statistics are worth, one American doctor has reckoned that a heterosexual man or woman who drives 10 miles to indulge in sexual intercourse is 100 times more likely to be killed in a crash on the way than to contract AIDS." [Sunday Telegraph, 23/7/89]

SEMITE SEMANTICS

"I SHOULD like to question Julia Neuberger's use of the term 'anti-semitism' (May 28). Quoting David Pryce-Jones, she asserts that 'anti-semitism is rife in the Arab world'. How can this be? We have become used to the term anti-semite as being of one who is anti-Jewish - an inaccuracy which I feel has persisted long enough. All Arabs - including Christian Arabs - are Semites by definition. It is open to question whether all Jews are, anyone who has read Arthur Koestler's **The 13th Tribe** will agree. Be that as it may. All I ask is accuracy of definition. Anti-semitic is the one thing Arabs cannot be. Not logically, anyway."

- L. Davidson in **The Independent**, 4/6/89.

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HOW INDEPENDENCE HURT AFRICA'S ELEPHANTS

AT last the sad plight of both the African elephant and the rhinoceros has aroused a world outcry. But it is worth pointing out that the figures quoted for the African elephant populations all seem to start at 1979. A better date would be 1960, the last real year of colonial rule, when the elephant population was estimated at between four and five million.

The most upsetting aspect of the present slaughter is that everyone who worked in Africa in colonial days knew that this would happen once the Africans took over. The politicians and idealists, many of whom now cry out against the slaughter, never gave a thought to the elephants and other wildlife as they pushed and rushed out of colonial responsibility. The magnificent game reserves that had been set up through Africa were well run, well planned, patrolled and controlled. They could have preserved the priceless heritage of wildlife for ever.

This sad story is still continuing, and the next area for the slaughter will be Etosha Pan in Namibia. Zimbabwe, to its credit, is taking determined action against poachers, but when one hears of poorly armed game wardens in other countries whose armies are armed with modern weapons, one cannot help wondering why these were not issued to the rangers? Could it be that some people do not want the game rangers to succeed?

One wonders, too, if all those liberal idealists who campaigned and pushed for a quick, premature end to colonial rule ever think of how their policies have brought about the extermination of the magnificent, gentle elephant. But no doubt, as with everything else that has happened in Africa over the last few sad decades, they will soon find someone else to blame.

PHILIP LEE

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